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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RYAN ZINKE, Secretary,
U.S. Department of the Interior, *et al.*,

Defendants,

SOUTHERN UTAH WILDERNESS
ALLIANCE, *et al.*,

Intervenor-Defendants.

Case No. 2:10-cv-970-DB-BCW
Case No. 2:11-cv-391-DB-BCW
(consolidated)

**DEFENDANTS' RESPONSE TO
DEFENDANT-INTERVENORS'
MOTION FOR A STATUS
CONFERENCE TO SET A BRIEFING
SCHEDULE**

STATE OF UTAH,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RYAN ZINKE, Secretary, U.S. Department
of the Interior, *et al.*,

Defendants,

SOUTHERN UTAH WILDERNESS
ALLIANCE, *et al.*,

Intervenor-Defendants.

Defendants hereby respond to the motion for a status conference for the purpose of setting a briefing schedule filed by Defendant-Intervenors Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance *et al.* (“SUWA”). *See* ECF No. 297. Defendants agree with SUWA that it would be appropriate for the parties to confer and discuss a briefing schedule. However, the parties have not yet had those discussions. Therefore, while Defendants are not opposed to a status conference should the Court deem it appropriate to hold a conference at this time, Defendants believe that, at least for purposes of discussing a schedule, it would be premature to do so. Instead, Defendants would propose that the parties first confer regarding a schedule, propose a schedule to the Court, and, if necessary, then hold a status conference to discuss the proposed schedule.

Respectfully submitted this 18th day of January, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 18, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of this filing to all counsel of record.

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